

Student Handout 04
National Registry EMT Practical Examination
Used in South Carolina

All eligible candidates must pass the National Registry EMT practical examination as administered in South Carolina. SC uses skill sheets that are produced and published by the National Registry of EMTs. (www.nremt.org)

Per current National Registry guidelines:

1. Candidates must place their applications on-line with the National Registry (See Student Handout 3 for instructions for placing your NREMT application on-line.)
2. Candidates have a maximum time limit of two (2) years from their course completion date – OR- two (2) years from their EMT certificate expiration date – whichever is less – to pass both the NR EMT practical and written examination.
3. Candidates must pass the practical examination before they will receive permission to take the written (CBT) examination.
4. Candidates must be able to pass both, the practical and written examination within the same twelve (12) month period. Examination results are only valid for twelve (12) months.
5. The National Registry practical examination as administered in South Carolina, consist of four (4) practical stations.
 - a. Candidates will have three (3) full attempts to pass the four-station practical examination.
 - b. Candidates who fail two (2) or less skills are permitted two (2) retest attempts of those skills. Candidates who need to retest must retest all skills needed or none at all. Incomplete practical attempts cannot be processed.
 - c. Candidates who fail three (3) or more skills -OR- candidates, who fail the second retest attempt at any skill, will receive a complete failure of the practical examination. A complete failure of the practical examination will require candidates to be re-mediated over all skills (see **Enclosure 5**) and proper documentation received by DHEC prior to the candidate receiving permission for another full attempt at the practical examination.
 - d. Candidates who fail their third full attempt at the practical examination – as well as candidates who exceed two years beyond their course completion date (or certificate expiration date) - will be required to

successfully complete another full EMT course and successful completion of another National Registry EMT Practical and written examination as administered in SC.

Candidates will be tested in one skill from each station. All skills listed in each station are rotated throughout the practical examination. The four (4) stations of the South Carolina NREMT practical examination include the following skills:

Station 1: *Assessment Skills*

Patient Assessment – Trauma
Patient Assessment – Medical

Station 2: *Airways Skills*

Airway, Oxygen and Ventilation Skills: Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction
(*Contains OPA, NPA & Suction*)
Mouth to Mask with Supplemental Oxygen
Oxygen Administration
Bag-Valve-Mask – Apneic Patient
Alternative Airway Devices – Blind Insertion Airway Devices
(*May include any of the following - Combitube, LMA and King Airways*)

Station 3: *Cardiac Arrest Management*

Cardiac Arrest Management / AED with Bystander CPR in Progress

Station 4: *Random Skills*

Bleeding Control / Shock Management
Immobilization Skills – Joint Injury
Immobilization Skills – Long Bone Injury
Immobilization Skills – Traction Splinting
Spinal Immobilization – Seated Patient
Spinal Immobilization – Supine Patient

National Registry EMT Written: Computer-Based-Testing

- Candidates are given a maximum of six (6) attempts at the written examination.
- Candidates who fail the NR written (CBT) examination three (3) times, are required to successfully complete a SC approved EMT Refresher course prior to any further attempts of the written examination.
- Candidates who fail their sixth attempt or exceed their two-year time limit are required to complete another full initial EMT course.